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SUBJ: ITALIAN KNOW-HOW FOR PRODUCTION OF MOS ICS TO

ROMANIA - IL 1355

REF: COCOM DOC (77) 140.9

1. UKDEL HAS SUBMITTED MEMO TO COCOM CONCERNING THIS REQUEST NOTING THAT UK AUTHORITIES ARE STILL CONCERNED OVER PROPOSED EXPORT BUT ARE WILLING TO AGREE IF ALL OTHER MEMBERS WERE TO DO SO.

2. UK MEMO NOTES THAT

(A) THERE IS A LACK OF CONTROL OVER THE DISPOSAL OF THE 1.7 MILLION MOS INTEGRATED CIRCUITS WHICH THE ROMANIANS WILL BE ASSEMBLING.

(B) THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THE USE OF THE CIRCUITS WILL BE CONFINED TO THOSE LISTED IN PARA ONE OF COCOM DOC (77) 140.6.

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(C) THESE HIGH DENSITY CIRCUITS ARE HIGHLY DESIRABLE MILITARILY AND ARE BEYOND THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH THE CIRCUITS ARE UNSUITABLE FOR MILITARY USE AT EXTREME TEMPERATURES THE UK AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT ROMANIANS WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THIS DIFFICULTY IN TIME.

(D) UNDER REVISED PROPOSAL ITALIAN AUTHORITIES WISH TO SUPPLY ANNUALLY TO ROMANIANS 1.7 MILLION CHIPS (I.E. EMBARGOED IC CIRCUITS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR PACKAGING).

(E) UK BELIEVES THIS PROPOSAL IS UNPRECEDENTED IN COCOM.

3. UK MEMO ALSO NOTES IMPORTANCE WHICH ITALIANS ATTACH TO THIS EXPORT AND THAT THEY THEREFORE ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO THIS EXPORT PROVIDED THAT

"A. ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS IN THE COMMITTEE AGREE THAT THE EXPORT SHOULD BE ALLOWED; AND

"B. THAT THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES GIVE THE UK AUTHORITIES AN ASSURANCE THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CONTROL THE FINAL USES OF THE CIRCUITS AND EQUIPMENT EXPORTED."

4. COMMENT: APART FROM UK, ONLY US AND GERMAN DELEGATIONS ON RESERVE. GERMAN QUESTIONS RECORDED IN COCOM DOC (77) 140.13 WERE ANSWERED IN THAT SAME DOCUMENT AND GERMAN VIEWS ARE DUE JULY 26. IT IS LIKELY THAT THEY WILL APPROVE THE REQUEST AT THAT TIME SINCE THEY HAD INDICATED EARLIER THAT THEY COULD APPROVE THE ORIGINAL MORE ELABORATE EXPORT PROPOSAL (SEE COCOM DOC CONFIDENTIAL

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(77) 140.11, PARA 2). UK THUS LEAVING DECISION ON THIS CASE IN US HANDS. THEY OBJECTED TO ORIGINAL VERSION AND HAD EXPECTED US TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THAT OBJECTION. US SILENCE HOWEVER LEFT THEM TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF ITALIAN ILL-FEELING. THEY ARE THEREFORE NOW "PASSING THE BUCK" TO US.
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